Facility of Return Journey Tickets/ Reservations

*399. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that return journey tickets/reservations are still not available even after the installation of Central Reservation Computer Centre;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the return tickets/reservations would be possible to be made available to commuters on the CRCC?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Vacancy of posts in Directorate of Airworthiness

*400. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts in the Directorate of Airworthiness and Air Safety of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation lying vacant for the last eight years;

(b) what are the reasons for keeping those posts vacant for so long;

(c) whether it is a fact that the posts of Examiner of Personnel have been held by unqualified persons; and

(d) what are the reasons for which the post of Director General of Civil Aviation has not been filled up on regular basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) There is no post in the Directorate of Airworthiness and Air-Safety in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation lying vacant for 8 years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The post is lying vacant.

(d) According to the Recruitment Rules, the post of Director General of Civil Aviation is to be filled by officers of the rank of Deputy Directors General of Civil Aviation with 7 years experience, failing which, officers on deputation from the All India Services and Central Services Group 'A', failing which, by an officer on deputation from the Indian Air Force.

At present, there is no Deputy Director General of Civil Aviation with 7 years service in the grade. No suitable candidate from the All India Services, the Central Services Group 'A' or the Indian Air Force has so far been found.

Dev Dasi System in the country

@3223. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dev Dasi System is still continuing in the country;

(b) if so, how many women/children have been forced to adopt the System since 1980;

(c) whether Dev Dasis belong to the Scheduled Caste Community only and they are forced to adopt prostitution; and

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@Previously Unstarred Question 2710 transferred from the 17th March, 1989.

(d) if so, what concrete steps have been taken by Government so far to abolish the System in the country and to rehabilitate Dev Dasis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Setting up of five Star Hotels

@3224. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of five star hotels and other such hotels sanctioned to be set up during the next three years;

(b) how much water is required for consumption and other use by these hotels; and

(c) what are the other steps structure facilities which would be needed by these hotels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Central Department of Tourism have approved 273 hotels at project stage, of which 41 are for 5-star category. The date of completion of these hotels will depend on availability of building materials, financial assistance etc.

(b) Water required for consumption and other use by five-star hotels in estimated at 250 liters per bed per day.

(c) Facilities required in the 5-star category hotels are a minimum of 25 letable rooms with attached bathrooms, suitably furnished and centrally air-conditioned, with telephones, channelled music. The hotel should also have swimming pool, health club, restaurants, Bar, 24 hours room service, laundry, a chemist shop, Beauty Parlour, money changing and safe deposit facility, florist, book stall, recognised travel agency and a left luggage room and adequate parking space.

Pak-Iran Islamic Defence

@@3225. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India (New Delhi) dated the 22nd February, 1989 under the Caption 'Pak, Iran to form Islamic defence line; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action Government have taken to counter this threat to India's defence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) Yes Sir, Government have seen this and other reports stating that during the visit of the Iranian Minisfor Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps to Pakistan in the second half of January 1989 he had reportedly called for the establishment of on "Islamic Wall" comprising Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Government have no confirmation of any action taken or under consideration to achieve this objective.

(b) Government keeps a close watch on all developments which have a bearing on the country's security.

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